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Resubmitted: October 13, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Waters Open to the Use of Spears and Bows (FO-219)

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to provide for better protection and preservation of fish, game and birds.

Discussion and Background:

Recently, Michigan law was amended to provide authority to the Department to set spearing regulations. We are proposing to add the provisions formerly listed in statute into this order until we have time to review all spearing regulations. We are also adding two new provisions which will result in increased opportunities for our anglers. First, the spearing season through the ice for northern pike and muskellunge will be extended on certain waters from the existing season of January - February to a season of December 1 - March 15. Second, whitefish spearing in the Great Lakes and connecting waters will be extended to include the month of November. In order to provide additional ice angling opportunities beginning in December of this year, we are recommending these changes be made effective immediately. The Michigan Darkhouse Angling Association supports these changes.

This order rescinds FO-234.04, which previously contained all the Great Lakes spearing regulations. The Great Lakes spearing regulations have been added and will now be part of this fisheries order.

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Recommendation:

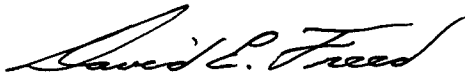
This order was submitted for information and consideration at the October 9, 2008 Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October 6, 2008 calendar and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2008. We are recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.



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Fisheries Division



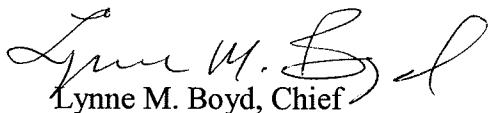
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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

ORDER

WATERS OPEN TO THE USE OF SPEARS AND BOWS

By authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources by section 48703 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48703, it is ordered that effective, November 6, 2008, for a period of five years, the following regulations are established for waters open to the use of spears and bows:

The seasons, waters, and species where a hand propelled spear may be used are as specified in the table below and lists which follow (except as otherwise prohibited). In addition, a bow, rubber-propelled spear, spring-propelled spear, or light may be used where noted.

SEASON	WATERS	SPECIES
December 1 – March 15	All waters (through the ice) except: Designated Trout Lakes (FO-200) and Streams (FO-210), and specific FO-220 waters. No muskellunge spearing on L. St. Clair, L. Erie, Detroit R., and St. Clair R.	Northern Pike Muskellunge
January 1 – end of February	L. St. Clair (<i>bow may be used</i>)	Yellow perch
January 1 – end of February	(<i>bow and light may be used</i>) Inland non-trout waters (through the ice): See FO-220.	Bowfin Carp Bullheads Gar Catfish Drum
All year (Note 1)	(<i>bow and light may be used</i>) Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.	Cisco Whitefish Suckers Smelt
All year	Great Lakes	Burbot
April 1 - May 31 South of highway M-46	(bow and light may be used) All non-trout streams Trout streams in List A	Bowfin Carp Gar Suckers
April 15-May 31 Between highways M-46 and M-72		
May 1 - 31 North of highway M-72		
All Year	(<i>submerged under water with rubber or spring propelled spears only</i>) Waters in List B	
May 1 - August 15	(<i>bow and light may be used</i>) Inland non-trout waters	Bowfin Carp Gar
October 15 - December 31	(<i>light may be used</i>) Hubbard L. (Alcona Co.), Ottawa L., Chicagon L. (Iron Co.)	Carp Cisco Suckers Whitefish
November 1 - December 31	(<i>light may be used</i>) Elk L, Torch L, Clam R. (Grand Trav., Antrim, Kalkaska Cos.), Crystal L. (Benzie Co.) All inland non-trout waters in the lower peninsula counties lying wholly south of M-20 (including all of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Cos.)	

Note 1: In Little Bay de Noc, bowfin, carp, and gar may be speared January 1 – end of February.

LIST A

TROUT STREAMS OPEN to the use of HAND PROPELLED SPEAR or BOW for taking BOWFIN, CARP, GAR, and SUCKERS

The following trout streams are open to the use of bow or hand propelled spear during the seasons indicated for taking bowfin, carp, gar, and suckers. Artificial lights may be used. Rubber and spring propelled spears may not be used in these trout streams.

ALCONA COUNTY

April 15 – May 31

Bryant Creek down from Vaughn Lake to Little Lake

May 1 – May 31

Buff Creek

Sucker Creek down from mouth of Vincent Creek in T27N, R8E, Sec. 9 to Hubbard Lake in T28N, R8E, Sec. 36

ALGER COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Big Indian River down from widewaters in T44N, R19W, Sec. 13, to Highway 13 Bridge

CASS AND ST. JOSEPH COUNTIES

April 1 – May 31

Dowagic Creek and tributaries from Bunker Lake outlet (T5S, R14W, S14) down to Goodenough Road (T5S, R14W, S16)

Rocky River down from Pioneer Road (T5S, R13W, Sec. 29) to Bent Road (T5S, R12W, Sec. 21)

CALHOUN COUNTY

April 1 – May 31

Nottawa Creek: From Calhoun County line (T4S, R8W, S31) upstream to T3S, R5W, S35

Rice Creek: South Branch Rice Creek from confluence of Rice Creek and Kalamazoo River (T2S, R6W, S25) upstream to Concord Road (Jackson County)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Trout Creek down from Big Trout Lake in T42N, R3E, Sec. 31

Prentiss Creek (T42N, R2E)

DELTA COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

All streams south of US-2 and tributary to Great Lakes waters east of Peninsula Point

Squaw Creek below County Road 513

EMMET COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Carp Lake River from mouth up to old dam just above Wilderness Road

GOGEBIC COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Gypsy (Sucker or Camp) Creek upstream to old road crossing in T50N, R45W, Sec. 31

East Branch of Middle Branch of Ontonagon River down from Crooked Lake to north line of T45N, R40W, Sec. 34

Ohman's Creek upstream to east-west road in middle of T49N, R48W, Sec. 32

IRON COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Briar Hill Creek

Holmes Lake Creek (T46N, R36W, Sec. 32) from outlet of lake 500 feet downstream

Swan Lake outlet

Winslow Creek (T45N, R36W, Secs. 2, 11) from the outlet of Winslow Lake to 1000 feet downstream

LUCE COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Little Two Hearted River from mouth upstream to bridge on County Road 412 (T50N, R9W, Sec. 25)

MACKINAC COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Doe Creek (T43N, R10W)

Foley Creek down from I-75

Hoban Creek down from US-2

Hudson Creek (T41N, R11W, Sec. 8)

Martineau Creek down from I-75

McClouds Creek

Milakokia River, Milakokia Lake down to Heinz Lake

Norton Creek from M-135 down to South Manistique Lake

Nunn's Creek from Highway M -134 to mouth

Pearson's Creek, T42N, R1W and R1E

Rabbits Back Creek down from Mackinac Trail

Scrams Creek (T42N, R11W, Sec. 11)

Taylor Creek (T43N, R12W, Secs. 2, 11, 12 and 13)

MANISTEE COUNTY

April 15 - May 31

Little Bear Creek down from Bear Lake to trunkline Highway US-31

MARQUETTE COUNTY

May 1 – May 31

Carp River down from the bridge in T47N, R27W, Sec. 9 to mouth in Deer Lake

Goldmine Creek from its mouth in Deer Lake in T28N, R27W, Sec. 29 for a distance of 1000 feet upstream

Middle Branch Escanaba River from County Road Bridge in T47N, R29W, Sec. 1 to Greenwood Reservoir

Spruce River down from the mouth of Mill Creek on T47N, R30W, Sec. 20

Rock Lake outlet from Rock Lake to mouth in T47N, R27W, Sec. 4

MASON COUNTY

April 15 – May 31

Sauble River from Freesoil Road down to Custer Road (T20N, R16W, Sec. 22)

MENOMINEE COUNTY

May 1- May 31

Cedar River from US-2 bridge down to bridge in middle of T38N, R26W, Sec. 15

Harter Creek downstream from CO 577

Pemenee Creek from the mouth of Dehaas Creek downstream to Menominee River

Wilson Creek (T38N, R25W, Sec. 7 and T38N, R26W, Sec. 12) from a point 1,000 feet above the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Bridge downstream to the junction with the Big Cedar River.

MISSAUKEE COUNTY

April 15 - May 31

Clam River down from mouth of Taylor Creek in T22N, R7W, Sec. 33 to Falmouth Dam

West Branch Muskegon River down from Goodrich Bridge on T23N, R5W, Sec. 29

OCEANA COUNTY

April 15 - May 31

All drainage ditches in T15N, R15W and R16W

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY

May 1 - May 31

Delias River - in entirety

Kilpecker Creek from county line down to Thunder Lake

VAN BUREN COUNTY

April 1 - May 31

Dowagiac River and tributaries above 50th Street (T45N, R15W, Sec. 35)

Lake of the Wood Outlet to confluence with Dowagiac River (T45N, R15W, Sec. 34)

LIST B

WATERS OPEN to the USE of RUBBER and SPRING-PROPELLED SPEARS for taking BOWFIN, CARP, GAR, AND SUCKERS

The following listed waters are open all year to the taking bowfin, carp, gar, and suckers with rubber and spring-propelled spears. By statute, the person using the spear must be submerged in the water and have the spear under control by means of an attached line not exceeding twenty feet in length.

GREAT LAKES and CONNECTING WATERS OPEN ALL YEAR

Lake Superior **except** the North and South Portage Ship Canal and Huron Bay;
Lake Huron **except** Potagannissing Bay, Pike Bay, Island Harbor, Les Cheneaux Channels and within a three-mile radius of Fort Gratiot light (located at the upper end of the St. Clair River, St. Clair Co.);
Lake Michigan **except** Northport Harbor (Leelenau Co.) and that part of little Bay de Noc presently closed by statute to commercial fishing;
Lake Erie
Lake St. Clair
St. Mary's River
Detroit River

INLAND WATERS OPEN ALL YEAR

ALCONA COUNTY

Hubbard Lake

ALGER COUNTY

Grand Sable Lake

ALLEGAN COUNTY

Gun Lake

BARRY COUNTY

Duncan (T4N, R10W, Secs. 5, 6, 7), Gull, Gun, Leach (T4N, R8W, Sec. 32), Middle (T4N, R8W, Secs. 28, 32, 33), Payne (T3N, R10W, Secs. 17, 20), Pine (T2N, R9W, Sec. 8), and Wall (T2N, R9W) lakes.

BERRIEN COUNTY

Big Paw Paw Lake

BRANCH COUNTY

Coldwater Lake

CALHOUN COUNTY

Duck (T1S, R4W) and Goguac (T2S, R8W) lakes.

CASS COUNTY

Diamond Lake (T6S and T7S, R14W and R15W)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Carp (T44N, R6W Secs. 22, 27) and Frenchman (T44N, R6W, Secs. 26) lakes.

CLARE COUNTY

Long Lake (T20N, R4W, Secs. 22, 26, 27, 35)

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Jones Lake (T28N, R2W, Secs. 30, 31)

GENESEE COUNTY

Ponemah Lake (T5N, R6E, Secs. 21, 22)

HILLSDALE COUNTY

Bear Lake (T7S, R3W, Secs. 8, 17)

IOSCO COUNTY

Foote Impoundment (T24N, R8E)

JACKSON COUNTY

Michigan Center Chain of Lakes (Michigan Center, Price, Big and Little Olcott, Big and Little Wolf Lakes and connecting waters) (no spearing January-February)

Round Lake (T4S, R3E, Sec. 36), Wamplers Lake (T4S, R2E, Secs. 34, 35, 36)

KALAMAZOO COUNTY

Campbell (T2S, R10W, Secs. 3, 4), Gull (T1S, R9W and R10W), Indian (T3S and T4S, R10W) and Sugarloaf (T3S and T4S, R11W) lakes.

KALKASKA COUNTY

Big Twin Lake (T28N, R5W and R6W)

LAKE COUNTY

Idlewild Lake (T17N, R12W, Secs. 5, 6, 7, 8)

LENAWEE COUNTY

Devils (T5S and T6S, R1E), Evans (T5S, R3E, Secs. 6, 7), Round (T6S, R1E, Sec. 11)

Round (T5S, R2E and R3E), and Wamplers (T5S, R2E, Secs. 1, 2, 3) lakes

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Portage (T1N, R4E and R5E) and Silver (T1N, R4E Secs. 33, 34) lakes.

LUCE COUNTY

Round Lake (T45N, R11W and R12W)

MASON COUNTY

Round Lake (T19N, R15W, Secs. 28, 29, 33)

MECOSTA COUNTY

Chippewa Lake (T16N, R8W)

OAKLAND COUNTY

Cass (T3N and T2N, R9E), Buckhorn (T4N, R7E, Secs. 21, 22, 27), Lakeville (T5N, R11E Secs. 15, 22, 27), Pine (T2N, R9E, Secs. 11, 12, 13, 14), Orchard (T2N, R9E), Oxbow (T3N, R8E), Union (T2N, R8E and R9E), and Walled (T1N and T2N, R8E) lakes.

OCEANA COUNTY

Stony (T13N and T14N, R18W) and Pentwater (T16N, R18W, Secs. 13, 14, 23, 24) lakes

OGEMAW COUNTY

Clear Lake (T23N, R1E, Secs. 2, 3, 10, 11)

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

Fishers (T5S and T6S, R11W) and Klinger (T7S and T8S, R11W) lakes.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Cat Lake (T11N, R10E, Sec. 7)

VAN BUREN COUNTY

Lake of the Woods (T4S, R14W and R15W) and Van Auken Lake (T2S, R16W, Secs. 28, 32, 33)

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Four Mile (T1S and T2S, R4E), Halfmoon Chain of Lakes (T1S, R3E and R4E), and Horseshoe (T1S, R6E, Secs. 8, 17) lakes; Huron River (T1S, T2S and T3S, R4E, R5E, R6E and R7E); Big and Little Portage Chain of Lakes (T1S, R4E, Secs., 1, 2, 11, 12); and Round (T4S, R3E, Sec. 31), Silver (T1S, R4E, Sec. 3), and Pleasant (T3S, R4E, Secs. 21, 22) lakes.

This order shall be assigned number FO-219.08, and is entitled "Waters Open to the Use of Spears and Bows."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Waters Open to the Use of Spears and Bows" effective April 1, 2002, and assigned number FO-219.02a.

This order rescinds the order entitled "Great Lakes Spearing Regulations" effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-234.04.

This order shall take immediate effect and shall remain effective through March 31, 2013.

Issued on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Keith J. Charters
Chairperson

Teresa Gloden
Executive Secretary